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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hans-Peter Josel et al.)) Examiner Maurie Garcia Baker, Ph.D.) Group Art Unit No. 1639)
Serial No. 08/776,190	
Filing Date: January 24, 1997	
For: Oligomeric Carrier Molecules with Defined Incorporated Marker Groups and Haptens)))

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this communication.